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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for
examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding
paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs
showing current revisions is attached.

Page 1, before the first line, insert as a separate paragraph:

--This application is the U.S. national phase of international application
PCT/JP00/03957 filed 16 June 2000, which designated the U.S.--

Page 80, line 19, after "anti-CD34 antibody", please insert